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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 04 November 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-33 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-33 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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1. This office action, in response to the remarks filed 11/4/2005, is a non-final office action.

Response to Arguments

2. The previous rejection of claims 24-27 Under 35 USC 112, first paragraph are withdrawn in view of the amendment.
3. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-33 have been considered but are moot in view of the new grounds of rejection.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

4. Claims 1-6, 8-13, 19-24 26, 27 and 29-33 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Valentine et al (US 5,748,678).

Regarding claims 1, 10 and 33, Valentine discloses a method for defining a pulse function modulating a data signal for transmission using the transmitter shown in figure 4. The pulse function is used to reduce adjacent channel distortion by the transmitter (column 1, lines 9-40). The pulse function is determined by selecting either a full rate modulation or a half rate modulation to modulate the data signal (column 4, lines 9-32).

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This is the defining cost functions representing the deviation of a respective one of the cost parameters from the desired associated system criterion. The amplitude of the pulse function over a range of frequencies is dependent on the cost function and the distortion for which compensation is to be made is then conducted by filtering the signal in the half rate modulation path shown in figure 4.

Regarding claims 2-6, 8, 9, 11-13 and 19-22, Valentine discloses the levels of interference are caused by the components of the radio communication apparatus and the power transfer characteristics are linear and non-linear (column 1, lines 9-40). After selection of the modulator, additional distortion is removed from the signal to be transmitted (column 1, lines 58-64).

Regarding claims 23 and 24, Valentine discloses a modulator system shown in figure 4. Data is input to switch 62 and then input to either a full rate modulator 64 or a half rate modulator 66. The selected modulator will output pulse shaped pulses to pre-distort 28. MPEP 2114 states: While features of an apparatus may be recited either structurally or functionally, claims directed to an apparatus must be distinguished from the prior art in terms of structure rather than function. The structural limitations of the claim are addressed.

Regarding claims 26 and 27, Valentine discloses the transceiver shown in figure 1. The receiver demodulates a received modulated signal to recover the originally transmitted signal.

Regarding claims 29-31, Valentine discloses a modulator system shown in figure 4. Data is input to switch 62 (means for selecting) and then input to either a full rate

modulator 64 (first pulse function generator) or a half rate modulator 66 (second pulse function generator). The selected modulator will output pulse shaped pulses to pre-distort 28. MPEP 2114 states: While features of an apparatus may be recited either structurally or functionally, claims directed to an apparatus must be distinguished from the prior art in terms of structure rather than function. The structural limitations of the claim are addressed.

Regarding claim 32, Valentine discloses a modulator system shown in figure 4. Data is input to switch 62 (means for selecting) and then input to either a full rate modulator 64 (first pulse function generator) or a half rate modulator 66 (second pulse function generator). The selected modulator will output pulse shaped pulses to pre-distort 28

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

5. Claim 7 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Valentine et al (US 5,748,678) in view of Summers (US 5,070,254).

Regarding claims 6 and 7, Valentine discloses a method for defining a pulse function modulating a data signal for transmission using the transmitter as stated above in paragraph 4. Valentine does not disclose compensating for a reconstruction filter.

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Reconstructive filters are useful for shaping filters to correct a pulse signal. Pulses encounter interference that can cause pulse shape and resolution to be degraded. However, the use of these filters can cause distortion in the signal as well. Summers discloses, it is well known to use pre-distortion to compensate for the distortion produced in a reconstruction filter (column 4, lines 40-42). It would have been obvious for one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to incorporate the teachings of Summers to use a reconstruction filter and to then compensate for the distortion caused by said filter in the system and method of Valentine for the reasons stated above.

6. Claims 14, 17 and 18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Valentine et al (US 5,748,678) in view of Miya et al (US 5,572,516).

Regarding claim 14, Valentine discloses a method for defining a pulse function modulating a data signal for transmission using the transmitter as stated above in paragraph 4. Valentine does not disclose the radio apparatus transmits in a TDMA system. Miya discloses TDMA systems are known and allow a plurality of mobile units can communicate with a base station at substantially the same time (column 1, lines 11-23). This allows a large amount of data to be transmitted in a short time. For this reason it would have been obvious for one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to incorporate the TDMA transmission of Miya into the transceiver of Valentine.

Regarding claim 17, Valentine discloses a method for defining a pulse function modulating a data signal for transmission using the transmitter as stated above in

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paragraph 4. Valentine does not disclose the radio apparatus transmits in a CDMA system. Miya discloses CDMA systems are known and allow a plurality of mobile units can communicate with a base station at substantially the same time (column 1, lines 23-42). In addition, CDMA signals are quite resistant to noise. For these reasons, it would have been obvious for one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to incorporate the TDMA transmission of Miya into the transceiver of Valentine.

Regarding claim 18, Valentine discloses using a root-raised cosine shape to shape the signal (column 4, lines 54-56).

7. Claims 15 and 16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Valentine et al (US 5,748,678) in view of the instant application's disclosed prior art.

Regarding claims 15 and 16, Valentine discloses a method for defining a pulse function modulating a data signal for transmission using the transmitter as stated above in paragraph 4. Valentine does not disclose the radio apparatus transmits in a GSM system. GSM systems have advantageous qualities such as GSM systems are power efficient on the basis that it provides a constant amplitude as stated on page 2, lines 4-15 in the instant application. It would have been obvious to use a GSM system to transmit the signals in the radio apparatus of Valentine for the reasons stated in the instant application's disclosed prior art.

8. Claim 25 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Valentine et al (US 5,748,678) in view of the Dent (US 5,909,460).

Regarding claim 25, Valentine discloses a modulator system as stated in paragraph 4, Valentine does not disclose the pulse function generator comprises a look-up table. Dent discloses great savings may be achieved by the use of pre-computed look-up tables in the modulation waveform generator (column 5, lines 15-17). This will allow time to be minimized since the modulation output signals will already be pre-computed in the table. For this reason, it would have been obvious for one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to combine the pre-computed look-up tables of Dent into the radio communication apparatus of Valentine.

9. Claim 28 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Miya et al (US 5,572,516) in view of Valentine et al (US 5,748,678).

Regarding claim 28, Miya discloses a dual mode communication device operable in a first mode (TDMA) and a second mode (CDMA) (column 4, line 60 to column 5, line 20). Pulses are generated according to the transmission mode selected. Miya does not disclose the selected modulation mode comprises a pulse function generator for shaping a data stream according to distortion by a component of the transmitter. Valentine discloses a method for defining a pulse function modulating a data signal for transmission using the transmitter shown in figure 4. A pulse function is used to reduce adjacent channel distortion by the transmitter (column 1, lines 9-40). The pulse function is determined by selecting either a full rate modulation or a half rate modulation to

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modulate the data signal (column 4, lines 9-32). It would have been obvious for one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to incorporate the teachings of Valentine into the transmitter of Miya to prevent a radio channel from producing an unacceptable level of interference in an adjacent channel (column 1, lines 9-11: Valentine).

Conclusion


Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kevin M. Burd whose telephone number is (571) 272-3008. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday 9 am - 5 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mohammad Ghayour can be reached on (571) 272-3021. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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